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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Sheng-Jen Tsai

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-16, 18-22 and 24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 6, 13, 17, 19 and 23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is taken in response to Applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on October 26, 2006 regarding application 09/928,881 filed on August 13, 2001.

2. Claims 1, 3-12, 14 and 16-24 have been amended.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application under consideration.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 4 is objected to for reciting the limitation "said first ordered list". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 depends from claim 2, which recites the limitation of "whereby said first **and/or** said second list are ordered lists." Thus, according to claim 2, the first list may or may not be an ordered list, and the second list may or may not be an ordered list.

However, claim 4 recites the limitation of "said first ordered list," which is inconsistent with the limitation that the first list may or may not be an ordered list as recited in claim 2.

This inconsistency may be avoided **either** by changing the wording "and/or" in claim 2 to "and," **or** by changing the wording "said first ordered list" in claim 4 to "said first list is an ordered list."

4. Claim 6 is objected to for reciting the limitation "said second ordered list". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 6 depends from claim 2, which recites the limitation of "whereby said first and/or said second list are ordered lists." Thus, according to claim 2, the first list may or may not be an ordered list, and the second list may or may not be an ordered list.

However, claim 6 recites the limitation of "said second ordered list," which is inconsistent with the limitation that the second list may or may not be an ordered list as recited in claim 2.

This inconsistency may be avoided **either** by changing the wording "and/or" in claim 2 to "and," **or** by changing the wording "said second ordered list" in claim 6 to "said second list is an ordered list."

5. Claim 13 is objected to for reciting the limitation "linked lists". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 13 depends from claim 1. However, claim 1 only recites the elements of "a first list" and "a second list" and is completely silent regarding the element of "linked list." It is noted that a linked list is a special type of lists, and not every list qualifies as a linked list.

6. Claim 17 is objected to for reciting the limitation "said first ordered list". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 17 depends from claim 16, which recites the limitation of "whereby said first **or** said second list are ordered lists." Thus, according to claim 16, either the first list or the second list, but not both of them, may be an ordered list.

However, claim 17 recites the limitation of "said first ordered list," which is inconsistent with the limitation that either the first list or the second list, but not both of them, may be an ordered list.

This inconsistency may be avoided **either** by changing the wording "or" in claim 16 to "and," **or** by changing the wording "said first ordered list" in claim 17 to "said first list is an ordered list."

7. Claim 19 is objected to for reciting the limitation "said second ordered list". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 19 depends from claim 15, which recites the limitation of "whereby said first **and/or** said second list are ordered lists." Thus, according to claim 15, the first list may or may not be an ordered list, and the second list may or may not be an ordered list.

However, claim 19 recites the limitation of "said second ordered list," which is inconsistent with the limitation that the second list may or may not be an ordered list as recited in claim 15.

This inconsistency may be avoided **either** by changing the wording "and/or" in claim 15 to "and," **or** by changing the wording "said second ordered list" in claim 19 to "said second list is an ordered list."

8. Claim 23 is objected to for reciting the limitation of "variables" in "whereby for each value of variables having a variable length". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 23 depends from claim 14. However, claim 14 is completely silent regarding the elements of "variables."

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-16, 18-22 and 24 are allowed.

Conclusion

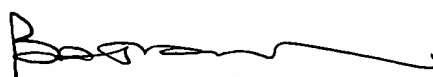
10. Claims 4, 6, 13, 17, 19 and 23 are objected to as explained above.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-16, 18-22 and 24 are allowed.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheng-Jen Tsai whose telephone number is 571-272-4244. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Kim can be reached on 571-272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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